

A statewide committee appointed by the Director of the Department of Health and Welfare "to provide counsel to the Department in administering the EMS Act"



Meeting Dates

- EMSAC, Sept 25, 2003
Ameritel Inn, 7499 W Overland Rd, Boise, ID
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IDAHO EMSAC News

GRANTS Sub-Committee



ELMORE COUNTY AMBULANCE
"BEFORE" 2003 GRANT
AWARD



Elmore County Ambulance
"After" 2003 Grant Award

The EMSAC Grants Sub-Committee reviewed 74 FY04 Dedicated Grant applications. Requests from EMS agencies totaled \$3,248,411. This total reflected requests of \$2,559,151 for vehicles and \$689,260 equipment. The Dedicated Grant Fund is generated by a fee on drivers licenses and accrued approximately \$1,200,000 for this year's disbursement. Of

total funds available, approximately 80% was awarded for vehicles and 20% was awarded for equipment.

The EMSAC review process begins by determining eligibility of each applying agency. To be eligible for the Dedicated Grant funds, all applying agencies must be licensed EMS agencies and either recognized governmental entities or registered non-profit organizations. One agency was declared ineligible for consideration in this grant cycle.

After agency eligibility issues are reviewed, the review process continues by looking at each item requested. Vehicles must be appropriate to the agency level of licensure and have a primary EMS function. Equipment must be appropriate for the associated scope of practice for the EMS provider level of the

applying agency. At this point, any equipment that is requested that is beyond scope of practice is removed from consideration. Other ineligible items are also removed from the scoring process. This includes all training equipment, fire specific equipment, disposable items and items that did not include an associated vendor price quote. Additionally, some items are deemed nonessential items or outside of necessary minimum equipment recommendations. This

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EMT-I Task Force

The EMT-Intermediate Task Force met on June 26th to review existing EMT-I programs from the states of Vermont, Maine, Alaska and Oregon. When compared with the list of identified skills and medications needed in Idaho, as defined by agency medical directors, several programs were similar. However, none included all of the Idaho selections. The table to the right of this article shows the recommended medications, administration routes, airway management and other skills likely to be included in the Idaho EMT-I. The cardiac section is likely to be an optional module.

Two committees, a curriculum development and a rule making committee were formed to continue work on this project.

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Grants Sub-Committee

included pulse oximeters for BLS agencies. Items requested for individual providers, such as coats or jump kits, were limited to the actual number of providers declared on the agency license application.

After item eligibility issues are reviewed, price caps are set for commonly requested but expensive items, based on average and median amounts determined from the submitted vendor price quotes. These include vehicles, gurneys, AED's, monitor defibrillators, extrication equipment and radios. Any agency receiving an award for less than the requested amount may contact their Regional Consultant for references to EMS equipment and vehicle vendors and assistance in finding a similar item for the actual awarded amount.

Based on the EMSAC recommendations, all eligible items were evaluated and scored independently. The results of the prioritized awards for the FY04 Dedicated Grant Program are as follows:

IDAHO EMT-I POTENTIAL EMT-I MEDICATIONS AND SKILL SET BASED ON INITIAL SURVEY REVISED BY EMT-I TASK FORCE JUNE 2003	
MEDICATION (INDICATIONS)	
Diazepam (seizure)	Aspirin
Antihistamines- (e.g. Benadryl)	Narcotic Analgesics- (e.g. Demerol, Morphine)
Bronchodilators- (e.g. Albuterol)	Naloxone
Epi-Pen	Nitroglycerin (Angina)
Epi 1:1,000	Glucagon
Dextrose 50%	
MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION ROUTES	
Oral	Sublingual
Subcutaneous	Intramuscular
Intravenous	Nebulized
Endotracheal tube	Rectal
Intraosseous	
AIRWAY MANAGEMENT	
End-tidal CO2	Oral Endotracheal Intubation
Dual Lumen Airways	Laryngeal mask airway (LMA)
Pulse Oximetry	
SKILLS	
Needle Thorocostomy	Orogastric/Nasogastric Tube Insertion
Peripheral IV access	Intraosseous Infusion
Blood Glucometry	Neonatal Resuscitation
Phlebotomy	
CARDIAC MODULE (SEPARATE & OPTIONAL)	
Lidocaine	
Epi 1:10,000	
Atropine (PEA, Bradycardia)	
Cardioversion	
Manual Defibrillation	
3-Lead EKG (Rate, V-Fib, V-Tach, PEA, Asystole)	

14 agencies received vehicle awards for a total of \$ 928,708.

46 agencies received equipment awards for a total of \$261,771.

Total amount awarded was \$1,190,479. The dedication and hard work of the Grants Sub-Committee is greatly appreciated!

EMSAC Sub-Committee Reports

AIR MEDICAL

The committee discussed distribution of guidelines, notification issues and updating signatures on the voluntary flight notification agreement.

EDUCATION

Idaho EMS Epinephrine Auto-Injector Program and documents were approved. The First Responder to EMT-B Bridge course was reviewed and recommendations were made for next steps to be taken for statewide implementation. EMS Guidelines were approved. A final edit and approval of administrative guidelines are needed before they are distributed.

EMT-I TASK FORCE

See the associated article on page 2.

GRANTS

The number of AED's to be distributed from Federal RAED funding is 130. There has been a Training Grant funds cut as a result of the state general fund shortfall, leaving \$93,400 available. Applications for this grant will be distributed in September. See the associated article on page for the Dedicated Grant Program on page 1.

LICENSURE

- Crouch Ambulance was upgraded to an ILS Transport based on the submission and approval of agency protocols.
- Bingham County Search & Rescue is approved as a non-transport BLS agency.
- Orofino, Pierce, Weippe, Elk River joined together to become Clearwater Co. Ambulance and was

approved as a licensed BLS transport agency.

MEDICAL DIRECTION

Mary Sheridan is the new EMS Bureau staff representative.

The Medical Direction Sub-Committee is creating a physician task force to work on revising the Board of Medicine rules for EMS personnel. The task force will focus on updating the supervision rules. The physician's group will assemble this fall and create a set of proposals for the board's consideration.

The Idaho Guidelines for Medical Direction of Prehospital Emergency Medical Services is complete and being prepared for distribution. The guideline includes a description of off-line and on-line medical direction. The guideline also identifies medical director qualifications, responsibilities, and authority. The new guideline, and a survey about on-line medical direction, will be sent to EMS providers this fall.

The sub-committee is drafting a survey about issues surrounding on-line medical direction. The goal is to receive feedback from EMS providers about their personal experiences with on-line medical direction and explore ways to generate system improvements. The survey is in the final draft stage and ready for sub-committee review and approval at the Sept 25 meeting.

TRAUMA REGISTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Data Dictionary was approved by the committee. Rule promulgation has been delayed because funding for operation of a registry has not been identified.

EMSCAN KEY DATA 2000 SOFTWARE NOW AVAILABLE

John Cramer of the EMS Bureau presented an overview of the Windows version of EMSCAN. This program is an upgrade from the DOS version of Key Data, tested and approved by Idaho agencies. The Bureau has distributed 15 copies to agencies throughout the state. Five free copies valued at \$1000 remain available for distribution through Tawni Newton at 208-334-2085.

IMPORTANT POSTCARD ENCLOSED

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